

Sl.No.	Name of Accused	Sections of Law	Sentence awarded
2.	Mr. V.P. Gokhale	Do	Do
3.	Mr. Kishore Kamdaar	Do	Do
4.	Mr. J. Mukund	Do	Do
5.	Mr. S.P. Choudhary	Do	Do
6.	Mr. V.P. Gokhale	Do	Do
7.	Mr. S.I. Qureshi	Do	Do
8.	UCIL India	304-A IPC	₹ 5 Lacs
		336 IPC	₹ 250/-
		337/35 IPC	₹ 500/-
		338/35 IPC	₹ 1000/-

After conviction, above convicts were granted bail. Against the conviction all the convicts have filed appeal which is pending before District and Session Judge, Bhopal.

Impact of NBS Policy

660. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether after introduction of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy, the prices of P and K fertilizers have escalated exponentially;

(b) whether a consultancy firm namely M/s Ernst and Young was engaged in August, 2013 by Government to carry out a study on impact of NBS Policy;

(c) whether M/s Ernst and Young has submitted its reports, and if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the details of corrective measures taken to provide relief to farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) During the initial year of introduction of Nutrient Based Subsidy policy (NBS), the prices of Phosphate and Potash fertilizers remained stable. However, due to increase in international price of P&K fertilizers and devaluation of Indian Rupee the price of these fertilizers have increased substantially during 2011-12 and 2012-13. From 2013-14 onwards the price of these fertilizers remained more or less static.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, The key findings of the study are as under :-

- (i) Availability of P and K fertilizers has improved.
- (ii) Overall Subsidy burden on P and K fertilizers has declined.
- (iii) There has been significant increase in the prices of P and K Fertilizers. Increase in price has led to reduction in overall consumption of DAP and MOP. However, consumption of SSP increased significantly.
- (iv) Low price of Urea led to increase in gap between price of nitrogen *vis-a-vis* P and K over the last 3 years. As a result, there was a significant distortion of fertilization post NBS. The N and K ratio has significantly worsened in four northern states of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- (v) The productivity has increased or has remained constant across various crops during 2010-13.
- (vi) Uncertainty on prices has led to uncertainty with regard to operating profit. The fluctuation in the Foreign Exchange rates have also impacted the profitability of the Industry.
- (vii) Few players have taken initiative to invest in assets abroad.

(d) The Government has taken following measures to provide relief to the farmers:

- (i) Availability of P&K fertilizers have been ensured to farmers after introduction of NBS Policy.
- (ii) Extensive Services are provided by various fertilizer companies to educate farmers about balanced use of fertilizers.
- (iii) New Complex Fertilizer grades have been brought under the subsidy scheme to give wider choice to farmers to manage proper application of fertilizers.
- (iv) In order to ensure reasonability of prices of fertilizers, the Government has made mandatory for the fertilizer companies to furnish cost data of their products and Cost Accountants have been appointed to scrutinize the cost data.

Demand and supply of fertilizers to Telangana

661. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to address the problem of availability of fertilizers in Telangana, if so, the details thereof ;